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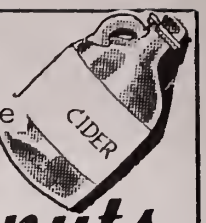

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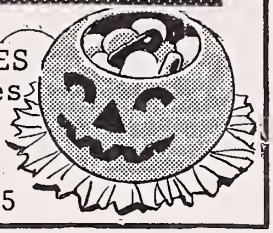
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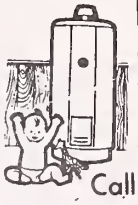
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A Successful Skirmish

IN A CONTINUING BATTLE Editorial, D.C.J.

Rochester is endowed with natural surroundings of great beauty, breathing space and the peace of men in tune with the earth and with respect for its needs. Rochester residents are inclined to keep it that way.

Cold cash was offered in the race track proposition. It was turned down. In favor of a way of life increasingly rare in this country, Rochester voters turned their backs on the "Barnum's" of the 21st century. Burning rubber promoters came up with more cash in the final moments. Rochester said no!

May we, your neighbors, extend our sincere admiration and heartfelt thanks. Rochester voted, in this case, not only for that town, but for the neighbors as well. The fallout from the race track complex would have been widespread. No need to go into the many dangers to the watershed areas. It is sufficient to say that pollution to this area would have been a disaster.

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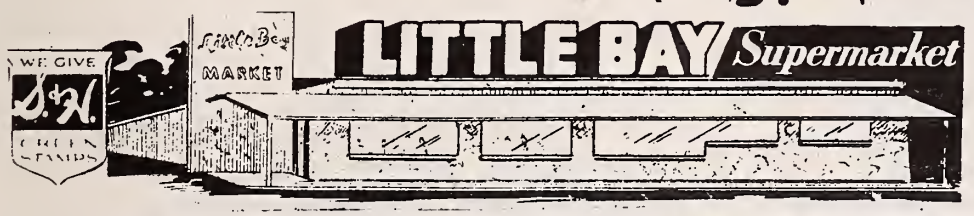

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Young people of Rochester: take a look at what your parents have done for you and be proud. They've lived a little and learned from it. They know that rights are dependent upon responsibility. Instead of a lot of talk about ecology, your parents have done something about it. This vote is for your future.

BOOSTERS CLUB MEETING

The Old Rochester All Sports Booster Club will hold a business meeting on Thursday, October 21st, at 8:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. Films of the ORR-Fairhaven football game will be shown. All persons interested in high school sports are welcome to attend.

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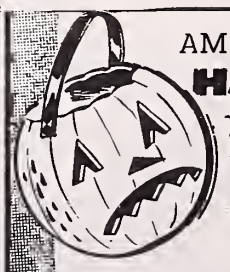
The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will celebrate their 30th anniversary on Thursday, October 21st. Mrs. Marshall W. Ross, president of the Massachusetts State Federation and past president of the Mattapoisett club, will be the honored guest. Other honored guests will be past presidents of the club. The program will be a history of "Your Club -- 14'-'71, presented by Mrs. Judah H. Humphrey and other talented members. Musical selections from the Choral Group will also be enjoyed. The tea hostess chairman for this occasion will be Mrs. Albert D. Furnans, assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Harold Banks, Mrs. Thomas Dunn, Mrs. Edmund Ferry, Miss Dorothy Fox, Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. John Johansen, Mrs. Roger Kelley, Mrs. Louis Klein, Mrs. Frank Martocci, Mrs. A. Conant Roberts, Mrs. Frank Small, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Ray Westgate, Mrs. Wayne Walega, Mrs. Merrill Walker, Mrs. Harold Woodcock, and Mrs. Paul Zagame.

The business meeting will start at 2 P.M. at the Congregational Church parish hall.



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Bird arrangements will be displayed at the October meeting. Also Fall centerpieces and brilliant Cardinal displays will be shown. Cheer up a friend in the hospital or buy that Christmas gift for the "person who has everything". Get your order in early. Call Mrs. George Liberty at 2982. All proceeds will go into the Scholarship Fund.

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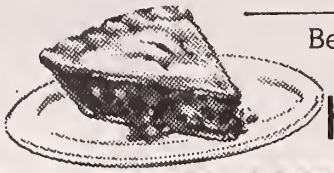

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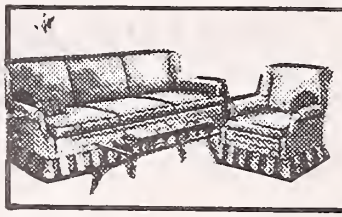
There will be no Investment Education class this week. Sessions will resume on October 28th.

The Fall meeting of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs will be held October 29th at Tabor Academy in Marion. Reservation deadline is October 21st. Call Mrs. Philip Murray at 4949.



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Karen Brown, a senior at Bourne High School, was named first runner-up; and Nancy Roderiques of Wareham High was second runner-up. Twelve girls were in the competition which is open to senior girls from Old Rochester, Wareham and Bourne High Schools.

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Pageant director Rita Blair was mistress of ceremonies. Miss Anne J. Prescott was musical director. The pageant is a project of the Regional Scholarship Club which awards the scholarship prizes.

MRS. MASTERSON DIES

Word has been received that Mrs. Mellie Masterson has passed away in Minnesota. She and her husband, Earl, have a home in Mattapoisett where they lived for a number of years before moving to England in 1969. While there, they wrote accounts of the English countryside and a journey through the canals which were published in the Presto.

Mrs. Masterson was formerly president of the Mattapoisett Historical Society, and, as president, was very active in raising funds for the building of the Carriage House addition.

Mr. and Mrs. Masterson returned to the United States last February to live in Edina, Minnesota. Shortly after their return Mrs. Masterson underwent surgery. In June the Mastersons visited friends in Mattapoisett.

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Those named Commended students are Karen Blough, Holly Lane, Mattapoisett; Stephen Hauptman, Tobey Lane, Mattapoisett; and Stephen Mouse, Wildwood Terrace, Mattapoisett.

They are among 35,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper 2 percent of those who are expected to graduate from high school in 1972. The Commended students rank just below the 15,000 Semifinalists announced in September by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

The Commended students' names are reported to certain scholarship-granting agencies and to the colleges they named as their first and second choices when they took the NMSQT in February, 1971. The reports include home addresses, test scores, and anticipated college major and career intentions of the Commended students. NMSC encourages these students to make every effort to continue their education.

JUNIOR GRANGE TO MEET

Members of the Mattapoisett Junior Grange will meet Friday night, October 22nd, in the Grange Hall. They will be supervised by Ollie Gifford and Mildred LeBaron. They would appreciate more help from the adult members.

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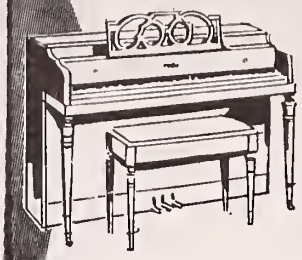

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Troop 15 Activities

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SCOUTS PARTICIPATE IN CAMPOREE

Boy Scouts of Mattapoisett Troop 15 participated in the Cachalot Council Fall Camporee held this past weekend, Friday to Sunday, at Camp Cachalot in West Wareham. Activities included a five-mile hike, fishing, camp crafts and demonstrations in special cooking methods, survival training, pioneering and fly tying.

Each boy received as part of his registration fee a special Cachalot Council Camporee patch to sew on his pack or jacket. This is the last Cachalot Council patch to be issued since Cachalot will be merged with the Fall River Council in January and the new Council will receive a new name.

Leaders in attendance with the troop included Scoutmaster Alden T. Spooner, Assistant Scoutmaster James Sullivan, Commis-

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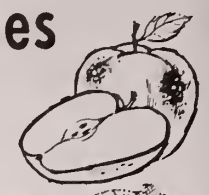

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GUILD TO OBSERVE 30th BIRTHDAY

Tobey Hospital Guild will observe its 30th birthday on Thursday, October 28th, at 2:00 P.M. at the Nurses' Home. Members of the Wareham Garden Club are invited guests. Mrs. Julian Underwood, landscape architect, will be the speaker.

Sno-Ball, 1971

Like a shimmering blanket of clean, white snow that has fallen ever so silently during the night, the newly and elegantly redecorated New Bedford Country Club has emerged as the stunning setting for the second annual "Sno-Ball" to be sponsored by the Tri-County Music Association. Heralding the approach of a glittering holiday season, tickets soon will be available, with proceeds from the ticket sales being applied to the Association's Music Scholarship Fund.

Chairman Charles W. Ganzel, Jr. suggests, since considerable interest already is being expressed in this popular post-Thanksgiving gala, that you should plan to reserve your tickets early. Glistening tinsel, and flickering candles will enhance the beautiful setting already provided by the Country Club for dancing from 9 P.M. until 1 A.M. to the music of Joe Ponte's orchestra on Friday, December 3rd. If you thought last year's "Sno-Ball" was something special, you won't want to miss this one.

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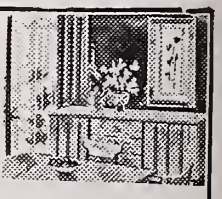

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Sippican Woman's Club

At a recent meeting of the Sippican Woman's Club at their clubhouse guest speaker was Mrs. Marshall Ross of Mattapoisett, president of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs with a membership of 30,000. Her subject was "Federated Topics" amongst which was the "President's Fund". This project which she enlarged upon would unite women in a common cause. She said, "Today I ask every club president to join me in inviting every club member to add one dollar to this fund." At the December Club Institute she will announce the total and present half the proceeds to Mr. Sam Tyler, director of the Massachusetts Council on Crime and Correction, for expansion of services in the interest of prison reform and criminal justice. The other half will be placed in the maintenance fund for the Memorial Forest in Sudbury.

Mrs. Everett B. Case of New Bedford, showed about 40 gravestone rubbings which she has done for several years. Having been a genealogy student she comes by this hobby naturally. Some of the Epitaphs were rather primitive in design as well as amusing. This art started in China in 300 B.C. and now has numerous followers amongst European tourists and in the United States.

Preceding the speakers there was a silver service tea at which Mrs. Helen Patterson poured.

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The invocation was read by Mrs. Burnham Goddard. Mrs. Ross was introduced by the club president, Mrs. George Glaeser, who has also been involved actively for the past nine years in the State Federation. Mrs. Louis Mendes, vice-president, introduced Mrs. Everett B. Case.

The fall meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at Tabor Academy, Wickenden Chapel, on Friday, October 29th. Mrs. Marshall W. Ross, president of the State Federation, will preside at the meeting. Mr. Geoffrey Godsell, overseas editor of the Christian Science Monitor, will be the keynote speaker.

Mrs. George E. Glaeser, president of the Sippican Woman's Club; and Mrs. Joseph Lipsitt, publicity chairman of the Sippican Woman's Club and regional representative of the State Federation publicity committee, will attend.

Comedy Coming: Nov. 5

WARNING

This announcement may be hazardous to your ill humor. One dosage may be fatal to your bad mood. If you want to stay the nice, healthy grouch you are, the Old Rochester Drama Club advises you to stay away from their upcoming fall production. It may just make you want to laugh.

Under the direction of Nancy Lee Gaucher, the Looking Glass Players are busily preparing the comical play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner". The play revolves around a man - Sheridan Whiteside - who comes to dinner, breaks his leg, and proceeds to dominate the entire household. Area residents are urged to remember the date - November 5 - as it points to a truly hilarious evening of fun.

FALL SALE

The annual fall sale of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Fairhaven will be held in the banquet room of the Town Hall on Friday, October 22nd, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. There will be homemade pastries, baked beans, salad, fancy work, stuffed toys, white elephants and rummage.

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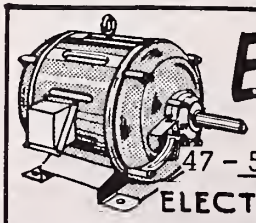

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In addition to Equitation and Western classes there will be pony events and many classes for the young riders so bring the children. Also featured will be many fun classes such as the egg and spoon, fanny seat, and timed events which place emphasis on the speed of the horses. Many beautiful trophies and ribbons will be awarded.

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The preparation of the annual school census has taken in the past about a week to prepare from hand kept records. This year the October 1 census was prepared in 6 minutes on the first day of October. The preparation and printing of the report was accomplished on an IBM 1130 computing system at the Facilities Engineering center of Sippican Corporation in Marion. The corporation and its officers have not only made available the use of two computers and a variety of peripheral equipment without charge to the taxpayers of the region for a period of more than 3 years, but officers and employees of the firm have given generously of their time to assist high school personnel in planning and programming.

The program for the preparation of the census report was written by a junior student at Old Rochester, David Thomas Ranney, of Delano Road, Marion. Ranney wrote the program only the week before under the supervision of David Hagen of the high school staff. His background in computer programming commenced with a two period per week course last year conducted by Mr. James Pasquill. He has continued his study since the completion of the course independently. Ranney plans to improve the program to make it more generally applicable and to submit it for adoption by a high school computer group of which Old Rochester is a member.

Education Week

OPEN HOUSE AT MATTAPOISETT SCHOOLS

The week of October 24-30 has been designated American Education Week. During this week Open House will be held at the Mattapoisett Center School on Tuesday, October 26th, from 7 to 9 P.M.; and at Old Hammondtown School on Wednesday, October 27th, from 7 to 9 P.M. Parents may come to the rooms of their respective children and then share in refreshments in the cafeteria to be prepared by the PTC.

There will be a Book Fair for the children sponsored by the PTC on the same day that Open House is held in each school. This same Book Fair will be sponsored the same night as Open House in each school also.

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Fairhaven started the scoring in the early part of the game by driving 66 yards. David Almeida, quarterback, connected with a long 36 yarder to Jim Cunha. Mike Plante exploded for 11 yards to the 14. Dave Almeida scored on a keeper. The 2-point conversion worked and Fairhaven led 8 to 0. In one of the best offensive drives of the year, the Bulldogs came right back on the ensuing kick-off and marched 74 yards to score. In doing so, Bettencourt threw on third down to complete a 15-yard pass to Don Neilson to make a first down on the Blue Devil 36. In the next series, he threw successfully to Paul Reilly on fourth down, to make it a first down on the Fairhaven 26. Again on fourth down, Bettencourt threw to Richie Silvia who caught the ball on the 4 and went in to score. The Bulldogs failed to convert on a pass and the score stood 8 to 6.

The Bulldogs then jumped into the lead as the kick-off was fumbled by Fairhaven and recovered by the Bulldogs on the Fairhaven 35. Five plays later, Bettencourt found Richie Silvia for the T.D. with a 25-yard diving catch. With the score 12 to 8, the Bulldogs tried to rush through the center for 2 points and were stopped cold as they failed to convert.

After the kick-off, the holding penalty dropped Fairhaven back to their own 33. Then on the next play, Jose Fernandes, all alone, gathered in an Almeida pass and raced from the O.R. 40 to score. The conversion pass attempt failed and the score was 14 to 12.

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Joe Bettencourt is tripped after a center buck. Paul Soares (11) closes in at left. Fairhaven player (75) is Ed Bouley.

throughout the second half. Fairhaven dominated the play but was unable to score again. The closest thrust by Fairhaven was stopped on the 6-inch line as a sweep was broken up by the O.R. defense. In another attempt, a long Fairhaven pass for a touchdown was nullified by a penalty.

Mattapoisett Grange

Mattapoisett Grange will hold its bi-monthly meeting this Thursday night with the worthy master Mark Breton presiding. During the lecturer's hour a Halloween Party will be presented by Ollie Gifford, Mark Harris and Katherine Buckley with Albert Alvernaz furnishing music for the grand march. Members are asked to come in costumes. Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, prettiest and most original. There will also be prizes for the games.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kellish will be hosts for the social hour.

FASHION SHOW AT BISHOP STANG

A fashion show, "Signs of the Zodiac", will be presented by Gladdings' for the Bishop Stang Alumni Association at 8 P.M. on Wednesday, October 27th, at the school for the benefit of the scholarship fund. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Gerald Morrisey, Jr., 995-1546; Miss Diane Grenon, 996-9882; Miss Sandra DeCarlo, 995-2846; or at the school business office.

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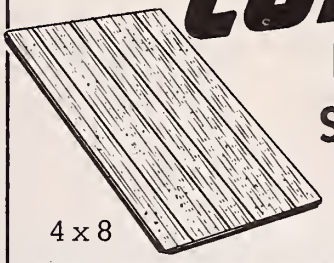

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This is in reference to Project No. NEDOD-P No. 72-55, a request by the Indian Cove Trust of Marion, Massachusetts for dredging and other work to be done in Mattapoisett.

There are three points which I wish to make concerning this request. These comments refer only to the dredging, construction of a pile and timber pier, and the related work to be done on the float basin. The real estate development has been approved as far as the Marion authorities are concerned, and it properly conforms to the zoning by-laws. When completed this area will undoubtedly be one of the most attractive in Marion. Thus it should be understood that I am only concerned with actions which will affect the water and shoreline.

The area chosen for dredging and other changes is, as you must know, southwest of Haskell's Island, and extends along the Mattapoisett shore. North of the island and to the east are marshes and Aucoot Cove. This is an area which has been isolated except in the summer at low tide when shellfish are taken, and during the winter except for a few duck hunters. From the east the nearest access is from Converse Road, Marion, across the marsh, a distance of one-half mile -- all of it on foot. From Mattapoisett the area is inaccessible except by boat because of Aucoot Creek.

This shore area and the bottom of Aucoot Cove are in a state of reasonable equilibrium, and have been so since the hurricane of 1938. The gradual movement of water is counter clockwise around the island, with the water, pushed by the southwest winds, flooding the Creek and the marsh at high tide; at ebb tide the water falls from the marsh and creek, passing between Haskell's Island and Mattapoisett. It passes directly over the proposed dredging site. The movement of water, carrying decayed vegetable and animal matter, mud and silt, from the marsh north of the island out along the Mattapoisett shore, has created one of the finest shellfish areas (clams and quahogs) in Marion. The 10-15 acres between Haskell's Island and the marsh are isolated and unique. Yet they are heavily harvested. It is not unusual to see one hundred people on a summer Sunday digging shellfish. Although the area is poorly policed because it is difficult to approach and many people come by boat, this area continues to yield quantities of shellfish. This harvest is one indication of the value of the marsh in supporting shellfish beds.

With the present state of equilibrium in mind, the question which must be faced is should the town give up a completely satisfactory situation and make a significant change in the contour of the bottom of the narrow channel between Haskell's Island and Mattapoisett. What will this do to the flow of water? Will the silt and food matter still flow over the shellfish beds? Will the silt and mud on these beds be carried into the channel by the current? The removal of 11,000 yards of material will create a void to be filled, and it is a real possibility that it will be filled by the top six inches of mud from the 10-15 acres of the shellfish beds. What will this do to quahogs who grow only three inches deep?

You were previously advised by a qualified marine biologist that in his opinion no "harm" would be done to the marsh by the proposed dredging. Here, as in all matters concerning a balance of nature, we can only give an opinion. Indeed, in this case we cannot even define the word "harm". We know, for example that almost any activity such as boats and men will drive away birds and thus change the total ecology. Is this "Harm"? The point is--we know what the area is like now, and we do not know what it will be like after the additional dredging and construction. Thus, in the absence of any pressing civic need or reason of public benefit or safety, I strongly object to a permit which may lead even slightly to the destruction of an unusual and valuable natural asset.

A second point follows the first. One might ask, who will gain from this project; or perhaps, who will be injured if it is not carried out. No doubt Indian Cove Trust has studied the market carefully and concluded that each of their homes must have access to a boat mooring and dock facilities. This assumes everyone will have a boat. It should be noted however that there are much better serviced and protected anchorages available in both Marion and Mattapoisett. In addition, there are no Harbor Police in this area. Perhaps it would not be a great loss to Indian Cove residents if the project were not carried out at all. There is at least a four foot channel there now, and for medium size craft the boatyard is easily approached on the right tide.

On the other hand, although a few future residents may only gain a little from this project, all the townspeople in Marion and Mattapoisett will lose a great deal. They will forfeit a quiet unspoiled area, a section of seashore whose marshes already have marked it as an area to be preserved; there will be noise, oil and gasoline spills and trash and rubbish where none existed before. What can be the public advantage in this? On what basis can those concerned with the public interest condone a proposal with such possible risks and almost certain nuisance value, when the benefits, which are questionable, will accrue to so few?

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Some of these handmade items include novelty gifts, pillows, baby's bibs, children's knit sweaters, potholders and neckties, as well as a selection of long and short aprons.

Mrs. James Mouse is the sewing chairman for this year's Christmas Fair, and Mrs. Mouse and the sewing circle will be busy right up to December 3rd helping to contribute to your shopping pleasure.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

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Arrangements for Plymouth's 350th Pilgrim Anniversary parade, to be held on Saturday, November 27th, are rapidly taking shape under the direction of Dr. George W. Schilling (Lt. Col., A.U.S., ret.), who is Marshal of the parade.

The parade, sponsored by the Plymouth 350th Anniversary Committee, will be the spectacular climax of a long series of events that have been sponsored over the past 15 months by both the 350th Committee and the Plymouth-Provincetown Celebration Commission.

In an interim report Dr. Schilling disclosed that many parade arrangements have already been confirmed and that enthusiastic acceptances of invitations to participate are being received daily.

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Fall Flower Show

The 1971 Fall Flower Show will be held at the Bristol County Agricultural High School, Dighton, Massachusetts (Segreganset) on November 6th and 7th, from 12 noon to 8 P.M. each day. Admission is free.

Featured will be choice chrysanthemums grown and exhibited by students, tea room, sales booth, formal and informal gardens, flower arrangements, house plants, bridal bouquets, corsages, Christmas decorations, educational exhibits in agriculture, soil and water conservation contest and greenhouse sales. Organ music will be by Bob Phillips.

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RUMMAGE SALE

Tinkhamtown Helping Hand Society will hold a rummage sale at the society hall on Thursday, October 21st, from 9 A.M. to noon. Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

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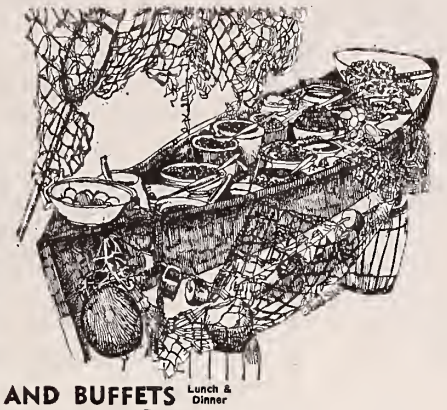

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Mrs. Louise Freeman's Basic Alterations class for YWCA members resumes Tuesday, October 26th. Last week's class was canceled to permit the group to attend Clothing Caravan, presented by the Extension Home Economists of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Norfolk and Plymouth Counties at Bristol County Agricultural School.

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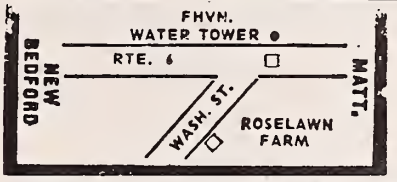

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This action should proceed no further, and the responsible authorities in Marion and Mattapoisett should never have permitted it to reach your level.

A third point which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must consider is the disposition of the dredged material.. Very little has been said about this except that it can be used on Indian Cove property. It should be noted that this material may be very profitably used as fill because much of the land being developed is low, uneven, and has some drainage problems. Indian Cove Trust will require many yards of fill before it is finished. The dredged material is ideal for this purpose. In the absence of specific enabling legislation authorizing the use of this material, an explanation should be furnished how this valuable sand, gravel and mud, taken from the cove can be given away. There is a question whether the marine construction and dredging is necessary for the real estate development. If it is not necessary, why is the channel to be dredged? Has the Corps of Engineers considered that the dredging is perhaps merely for the purpose of obtaining fill at no cost? I think there are some questions to be answered; particularly whether the United States Government or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should receive an accounting of the value derived from this project. Again, this aspect is ample reason to deny the permit.

On the whole this project appears to be contrary to the interests of the residents of Marion, Mattapoisett and the Commonwealth. Based on thirty years of experience and observation in Aucoot Cove, I am convinced that the proposed work will endanger a valuable and unique area, and will provide at most a dubious benefit to a very few people. Over it all, remains the question whether the dredged material should be sold rather than given away. This latter objection should be reviewed carefully so that an accounting may be made of any income in accordance with the U. S. Code.

I am strongly opposed to granting this request for a permit. I hope you will give serious consideration to the reasons for my position.

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1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
4 Thomas' English muffins

Melt 1 tablespoon margarine in skillet over medium heat. Add onion and saute about 3 minutes or until golden brown. Stir in tomato sauce, oregano and garlic salt. Bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes. Mix together beef, salt and pepper. Shape into 4 patties. Broil to desired doneness. Split English muffins by scoring with tines of fork and then gently pulling apart. Toast; spread with margarine. Place hamburgers on 4 muffin halves. Spoon tomato sauce over hamburgers. Serve with remaining muffin halves. Makes 4 servings.

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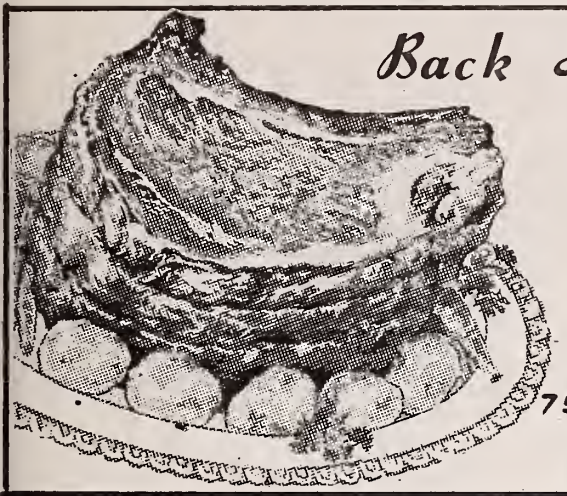

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23	11:04	11:28	3:52	4:34
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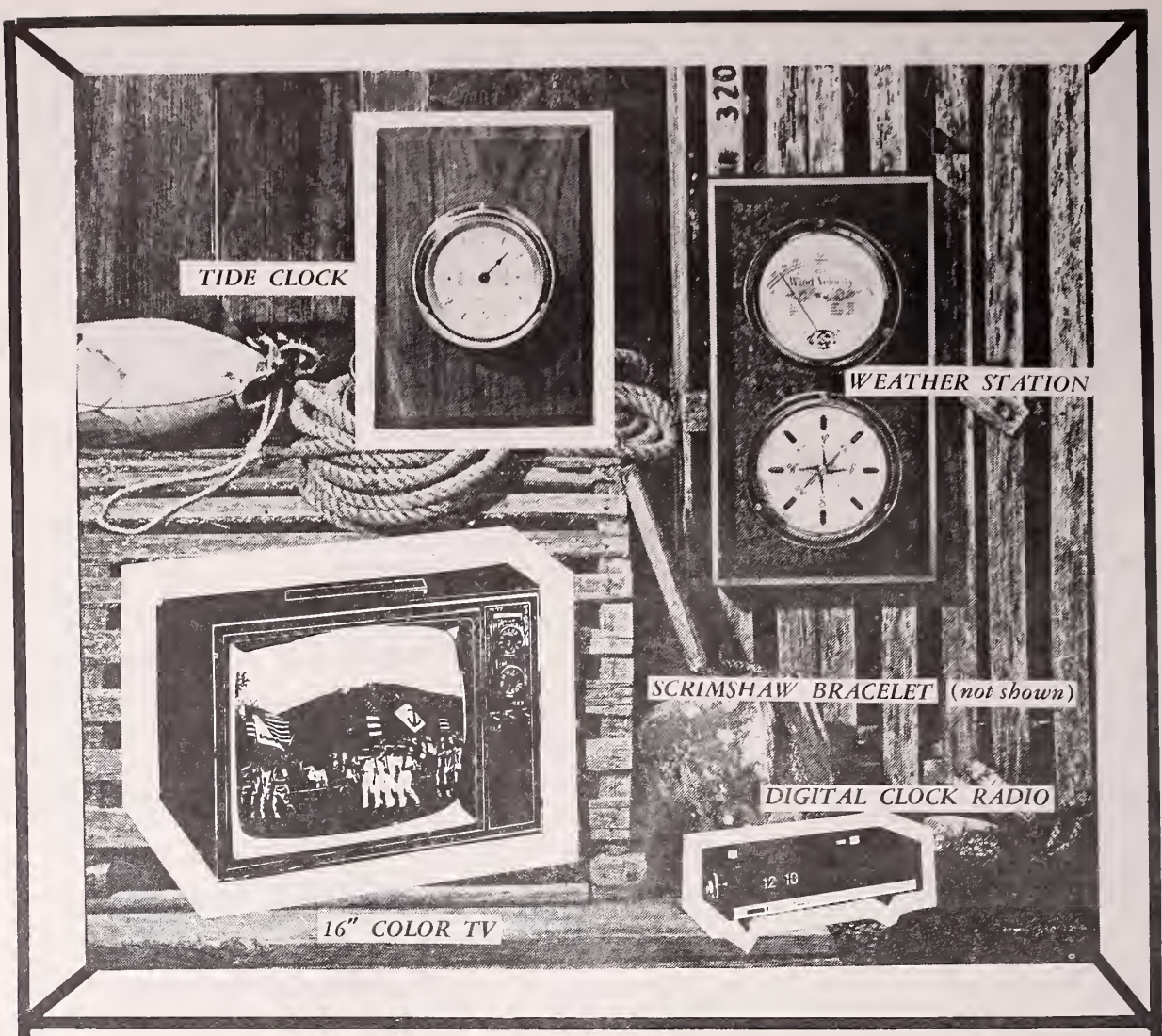

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